



## Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

# AO3 Ian Rodriguez



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When hearing the sound of a jet launching or doing a fly-by, perhaps even the “boom” of a .50-Cal., some of the crew may be reminded of the saying “That’s the sound of freedom.” To today’s Sailor of the Day AO3 Ian Rodriguez, of Weapons G-5 Division, it is the sound signaling his job is operating flawlessly.

“Every morning I have to report to the Fire Marshall the exact amount of ordnance we have on board the ship,” said Rodriguez, who has to account for more than 4,400 ordnance items totaling roughly \$214 million dollars as the G-5 ROLMS (Retail Ordnance Logistic Management System) Operator. “I have to be 100 percent accurate in my inventory especially during on and off loads.”

Not only does Rodriguez issue ordnance to ship’s company, he ensures that squadrons have their orders filled also.

When not working on inventory or standing watch at one of the .50 Cal. stations Rodriguez can be found working on his ESWS qualification or down in the hangar bay.

“I enjoy doing the EOD workouts,” said Rodriguez. “I am able to keep up with the pace and exercises, but the flutter kicks...”

Upon arriving in Virginia, Rodriguez looks forward to spending time with his wife of five years and their two sons, plus planning out his dream.

“I enjoy working on car audio and plan to go to school for it,” said Rodriguez. “I want to open a custom audio shop back home in Corpus Christi, Texas.”

Rodriguez also takes time out to watch sports, especially boxing.

“Oscar de la Hoya has to be my favorite,” admitted Rodriguez.

When asked about his “March Madness” prediction for the NCAA tournament he wasted no time in responding: “Illinois.”



*Rodriguez maintains a file of all equipment restowed as well as ammunition movement for the ship and the squadrons.*

*This requires him to account and report the total ordnance on board to the Fire Marshall daily as the Retail Ordnance Logistic Management System (ROLMS) Operator.*



AO3 Ian Rodriguez and TM2 Justin Brazzell install the barrel on the M2HB .50-Caliber machine gun. A procedure that must be done before the weapon can be manned up. Rodriguez takes part in drills and also mans a .50-Caliber station during General Quarters.

The drills give the watchstanders a chance to learn the gun and its capabilities. Rodriguez had the chance to take part in a night shoot recently and enjoyed the experience.

“I really liked the opportunity to shoot at night. It was great to see the physical and visual differences.”

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